

HOUSE BILL 990

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AN ACT to name the proposed state veterans home in
Cleveland and Bradley County.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 7, Part 1, first enacted by the General Assembly in 1988, created the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board, politic and corporate, to establish and operate public homes for veterans in Tennessee, to be known as Tennessee State Veterans Homes; and

WHEREAS, the existing public homes for veterans are not conveniently located for veterans from the Southeastern part of the State, and such homes currently have long waiting lists for acceptance; and

WHEREAS, it would be a great service to veterans in Southeast Tennessee to have a public home built for them in their community to serve the 43,000 veterans in Bradley County and the surrounding counties of Hamilton, Polk, McMinn, Meigs, and Rhea; and

WHEREAS, with an anonymous donation of \$3,000,000, the commitment of \$2,010,000 each from the City of Cleveland and Bradley County, and the donation of suitable land, the community has met the requirement for 35% in matching funds (\$7,020,020) in order to be eligible for 65% in federal funding; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the new state veterans home proposed to be built in Cleveland and Bradley County, upon its completion, shall be designated the "Cleveland/Bradley County State Veterans Home".

SECTION 2. The department of veterans affairs is directed to cause the erection of suitable signs designating such facility as the "Cleveland/Bradley County State Veterans Home" upon its completion.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.